

REMARKS:

The Response is due on Monday, February 23, 2004. Applicants do not believe that there are any fees due. However, if any fees are due, we authorized the Commissioner to charge fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2678, Ref. No. 43962.010700. In accordance with the Notice to Comply, the Applicants have directed this Response to the attention of Examiner Sharon L. Turner and have also provided a copy of the Notice to Comply.

Applicants have amended the application so that it now complies with 37 CFR § 1.821 through 1.825. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.821, Applicants enclose copies of a substitute sequence listing in both computer-readable and paper form. The substitute drawings are amended to include appropriate sequence identifiers that are consistent with the sequence identifiers in the substitute sequence listing. The specification is amended so that the sequence identifiers in the specification are consistent with the sequence identifiers in the substitute sequence listing. Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments and entry of the substitute sequence listing and substitute drawings into the specification. No new matter will be added to the specification upon entry of the foregoing amendments and entry of the substitute sequence listing and substitute drawings.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.821(f) and § 1.821(g), we also provide a Statement that the content of the paper and computer readable copies are the same and, where applicable, include no new matter.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX

Six (6) Replacement Sheets of Drawings are attached herewith for Figure 1, Figure 2, Figure 3, Figure 21, Figure 23, and Figure 24.

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